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ARRIVAL STATEMENT

FOR EA/IMS - PASS TO AMBASSADOR HOLDRIDGE

1. LOCAL PRESS INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL PROBABLY BE PRESENT TO COVER AMBASSADOR HOLDRIDGE'S ARRIVAL. WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

"I AM NATURALLY VERY HAPPY TO BE BACK IN SINGAPORE AND TO CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK DONE BY AMBASSADOR CRONK. RELATIONS BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND THE UNITED STATES ARE FRIENDLY AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL, AND I WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THEY REMAIN SO. I HAVE HEARD AND READ MUCH ABOUT THE REMARKABLE PROGRESS REGISTERED IN SINGAPORE IN THE LAST TEN YEARS. IT WILL BE A REAL PLEASURE FOR ME NOW TO SEE IT FOR MYSELF AND TO GET TO KNOW THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE."

2. WE ARE DISCOURAGING AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE SINCE QUESTIONS WOULD PROBABLY FOCUS ON AMBASSADOR'S CHINA EXPERIENCE AND US-PRC RELATIONS. BELIEVE INITIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON AMBASSADOR'S MISSION TO SINGAPORE RATHER THAN ON HIS EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN CHINA. GRANT

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